

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**International Trade Administration**

[A-821-803 and A-834-803]

Titanium Sponge From the Russian Federation and Republic of Kazakhstan: Postponement of Preliminary Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Reviews

AGENCY: Import Administration, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Extension of time limits for preliminary results of antidumping duty administrative reviews.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce is extending by 60 days the time limit of the preliminary results of the antidumping duty administrative review of the antidumping finding on titanium sponge from the Russian Federation (A-821-803) and the Republic of Kazakhstan (A-834-803), covering the period August 1, 1996, through July 31, 1997, since it is not practicable to complete these reviews within the time limits mandated by the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (19 U.S.C. 1675 (a)(3)(A)).

EFFECTIVE DATE: April 16, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mark Manning or Wendy Frankel, Antidumping Duty and Countervailing Duty Enforcement, Office Four, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20230; telephone (202) 482-3936 and 482-5849, respectively.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Applicable Statute**

Unless otherwise indicated, all citations to the statute are references to the provisions effective January 1, 1995, the effective date of the amendments made to the Tariff Act of 1930 (the Act) by the Uruguay Round Agreements Act. In addition, unless otherwise indicated, all citations to the Department of Commerce's regulations are to the current regulations as codified at 19 CFR 351 (1998).

Background

On September 25, 1997 (62 FR 50292), the Department of Commerce (the Department) initiated administrative reviews of the antidumping findings on titanium sponge from the Russian Federation and the Republic of Kazakhstan, covering the period August 1, 1996, through July 31, 1997. In our notice of initiation, we stated our intention to issue the final results of

these reviews no later than August 31, 1998. On February 10, 1998, the Department determined that due to the complexity of the legal and methodological issues presented by these reviews, it was not practicable to complete these reviews within the time limits mandated by the Act. See Memorandum to Richard Moreland Concerning the Extension of Case Deadlines, dated February 5, 1998. Accordingly, the Department postponed the preliminary determinations by 60 days.

Postponement of Preliminary and Final Results of Review

Section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Act requires the Department to make a preliminary determination within 245 days after the last day of the anniversary month of an order/finding for which a review is requested and a final determination within 120 days after the date on which the preliminary determination is published. However, if it is not practicable to complete the review within the time period, section 751(a)(3)(A) allows the Department to extend this time period to a maximum of 365 days and 180 days, respectively.

On February 10, 1998, when the Department first postponed the preliminary determinations of these cases, we evaluated the complexity of the legal and methodological issues presented by these reviews and conservatively estimated that a 60 day postponement would be sufficient to allow for a complete analysis prior to issuing the preliminary determinations. However, after further development of the issues presented in these reviews, we now realize that our initial estimate of the time needed to complete the preliminary analysis in each case was insufficient. Therefore, we determine that it is not practicable to complete these reviews within the current time frame because of the complexity of the legal and methodological issues in these reviews and are postponing the preliminary determinations of these cases by an additional 60 days. See Memorandum to Maria Harris Tildon Concerning the Extension of Case Deadlines dated April 6, 1998.

Due to the 60 day extension, the deadline for issuing the preliminary results of these reviews is now no later than September 1, 1998. The deadline for issuing the final results of these reviews will be no later than 120 days from the publication of the preliminary results.

These extensions are in accordance with section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Act (19 U.S.C. 1675 (a)(3)(A)).

Dated: April 7, 1998.

Maria Harris Tildon,

Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary, for Import Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**International Trade Administration**

[C-489-502]

Certain Welded Carbon Steel Pipe and Tube and Welded Carbon Steel Line Pipe From Turkey; Final Results and Partial Rescission of Countervailing Duty Administrative Reviews

AGENCY: Import Administration, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of final results of countervailing duty administrative reviews.

SUMMARY: On December 9, 1997, the Department of Commerce published in the **Federal Register** its preliminary results of administrative reviews of the countervailing duty orders on certain welded carbon steel pipe and tube and welded carbon steel line pipe from Turkey for the period January 1, 1996 through December 31, 1996 (62 FR 64808). The Department has now completed these administrative reviews in accordance with section 751(a) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended. For information on the net subsidy for each reviewed company, and for all non-reviewed companies, please see the *Final Results of Reviews* section of this notice. We will instruct the U.S. Customs Service to assess countervailing duties as detailed in the *Final Results of Reviews* section of this notice.

EFFECTIVE DATE: April 16, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Stephanie Moore or Maria MacKay, Office of CVD/AD Enforcement VI, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20230; telephone: (202) 482-3692 or (202) 482-2786.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Background**

Pursuant to 19 CFR 355.22(a), these reviews cover only those producers or exporters of the subject merchandise for which a review was specifically requested. Accordingly, the review of the order on certain welded carbon steel pipe and tube (pipe and tube) covers